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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: SEABOARD PARIS-AMSTERDAM SERVICE

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY THAT SEABOARD DOES NOT HAVE RIGHTS UNDER US-FRANCE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PARIS-AMSTERDAM SERVICE. WE CONCUR WITH EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY FRENCH WOULD YIELD ON THIS MATTER UNLESS PRESENT STATE OF BILATERAL AVIATION RELATIONS IMPROVES.

2. NEVERTHELESS, THE EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERTAKE LOW KEY
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INFORMAL REPRESENTATION TO FRENCH ON BEHALF OF SEABOARD IN HOPES OF PRESERVING SERVICE WHICH IS OF BENEFIT TO PUBLIC. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS MAY BE USED: (A) WE HOPE THATPRESENT CONTROVERSY OVER CHANGE OF GAUGE IN LONDON WITH ITS IMPACT ON US WEST COAST-PARIS SERVICE WILL NOT HAVE UNDUE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OTHER AREAS OF OUR BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS TO THE DETRIMENT OF

SHIPPERS AND THE TRAVELING PUBLIC. (B) SEABORD'S PARIS-AMSTERDAM-NEW YORK ALL-CARGO SERVICE IS NOT EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZED BY US-FRENCH AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, PARAGRAPH (3) OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF APRIL 5, 1960 AS AMENDED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF MAY 29, 1969

PROVIDES FOR CONSIDERABLE ALL-CARGO OPERATING FLEXIBILITY ON SPECIFIED ROUTES (ALTHOUGH PARIS-AMSTERDAM-NEW YORK IS NOT INCLUDED). THE SPIRIT OF THAT NOTE EXCHANGE IS TO ALLOW ECONOMIC OPERATIONS IN ALL-CARGO SERVICES BY ENCOURAGING ROUTING FLEXIBILITY IN THE ORDER OF POINTS SERVED. (C) SUBJECT OPERATION HAS NO APPARENT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON FRENCH AIRLINES AND WE SEE NO REASON WHY IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO DENY IT. (D) PROPOSED SEABORD SERVICE HAS OBVIOUS BENEFITS TO SHIPPERS AND THE PUBLIC AND IS JUSTIFIED BY TRAFFIC DEMAND. VANCE

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